



My dear Sir

Allow me to assure you 22. Feb.
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I have in the first place to thank you
for a most acceptable addition to my general herbarium
which was very deficient in N. A. Plants.

I have in return sent you all the duplicates I
possess of the Cyperaceæ & I cannot but regret
that there are not more of them - It will however
afford me much pleasure to collect them for you
when I have the opportunity, and I hope to be
enabled to send you many more of them & likewise
of the Grapes at some future period. - I have
numbered those species which I was not certain
of - for a double purpose - that of getting the name
from you, if you were acquainted with them, or
of giving you the informⁿ. when I shall get it from
any other source. - You mention in your Letter to
Mr. Christy that you have a number of plants to
dispose of which were collected by the late Dr. de
Schweinitz in Florida &c - I shall be most happy
to become a purchaser of them, or of any other
that you may consider interesting, at the rate you
mention &c - You are kind enough to ask me what
are my favorite tribes - I feel it difficult to
answer this question, as my love for them all just
increases in proportion to my knowledge of them.

Appressed. I am over head & ears in love with
the Ferns & Mosses - My new plan having enabled
me to grow these most interesting plants with com-
plete success, although living in a most sandy
part of the town. I have provided a conservatory
for at least five hundred species & am therefore
very anxious to make my dried collection as com-
plete as possible, in order to facilitate my study
of them. Through your kindness, & that of my friend
D Booth I already possess most of the common
American ferns, but I am still very deficient in
those species which are not natives of England

Other families - I may mention the Elys - Liliac
or Ternaria - the Orchids - Dianthusaceae or
Pedicularis - Any thing that you have to spare
would however be acceptable - I shall be
glad to receive specimens
of your early spring plants.

I have sent you some living plants in one of my
cases - This case is a counterpart of those who
employed to send plants to depths of the world,
you will much oblige me by returning the case
filled with your native species of ferns, orchids
plants, many things else you may please to send
and I shall with sincerity assure you that it will
afford me much pleasure to continue the 
with living as well as with dead plants.

Believe me to be My dear Sir

Yours most truly N. B. Ward